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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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With respect to the non-English language documents, Applicants submit the following remarks.

1. **EP 0 040 144 A1** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith. A copy of the English language document AU-B-70519/81, the equivalent Australian abridgement document is also enclosed herewith.

2. **EP 0 037 319 A1** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.

3. **FR 2 663 639 A1** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.

4. **EP 0 027 089 A1** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.

5. **ES 2 077 533 A1** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.

6. **WO 81 02737 A1** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.

7. **R. Schwesinger et al., Angew. Chem. 105, 1420 (1993)** - The relevance of this document can be determined from the specification at paragraph 24.

A search report from the French Patent Office in the corresponding French application citing several of these documents is enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the

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documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

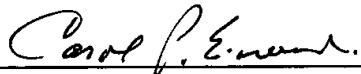
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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